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(SBU) We delivered refs A and B demarches to MFA Deputy Director for East and South Europe and the Balkans, Ahmed Hamdy Bakr, on March 5, urging Egypt to support welcoming Kosovo's independence at the upcoming OIC summit, reiterating requests for Egypt to recognize Kosovo's independence (ref C), and raising potential financial support from Egypt at the June Kosovo donors conference. Bakr replied that the GOE is still in the evaluation stage on recognizing Kosovo, noting that so far most of Kosovo's neighbors have not yet recognized its independence. Bakr said he would forward our request for Egypt to support a statement in the OIC communique welcoming Kosovo's independence to Foreign Minister Ahmed Aboul Gheit. Bakr had no substantive response on donor assistance at this time, as the GOE has not yet decided to recognize Kosovo's independence.
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